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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 TOMMIE BAKER,

11 Petitioner,

No. 2:11-cv-1722 DAD P

12 vs.

13 TIM V. VIRGA,

14 Respondent.

ORDER

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16 Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed an application for a writ of  
17 habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, together with a request to proceed in forma  
18 pauperis.

19 The application attacks a judgment of conviction entered by the Los Angeles  
20 County Superior Court in Norwalk, California. While both this Court and the United States  
21 District Court in the district where petitioner was convicted have jurisdiction, see Braden v. 30th  
22 Judicial Circuit Court, 410 U.S. 484 (1973), any and all witnesses and evidence necessary for the  
23 resolution of petitioner's application are more readily available in Los Angeles County. Id. at  
24 499 n.15; 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d).

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Accordingly, in the furtherance of justice, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. This court has not ruled on petitioner's application to proceed in forma pauperis; and
2. This matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

DATED: July 25, 2011.

  
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DALE A. DROZD  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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